

the texts of any of these bilateral agreements. However, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency has provided a useful definition of "national technical means":

*Assets which are under national control for monitoring compliance with the provisions of an agreement. NTM include photographic reconnaissance satellites, aircraft-based systems (such as radars and optical systems), as well as sea- and ground-based systems (such as radars and antennas for collecting telemetry).*

While many technical systems thus come within the scope of NTM, there seems to be general agreement that satellite systems, because of their relative unobtrusiveness, are among the most important.